



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **LINCOLN FIRE & RESCUE**

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### **"3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BADGES"**

The "Battle Of The Badges" is a friendly contest that is held each summer between the Lincoln Fire and Police departments to see which agency can donate the most blood for the Community Blood Bank. The contest kicks off the week of may 21-25 .

Firefighters will participate in a special blood donor program at the Community Blood Bank at 30<sup>th</sup> & "O" street. Captain Pat Borer of Lincoln Fire & Rescue, has volunteered to go up in a cherry picker on Friday, may 25 and will not come down until the week's goal of 550 units of blood is met, or at noon Friday, which ever comes first.

Everyone in the community is invited to join the firefighters in giving a pint of blood to help our EMS providers, "*meet the challenge*". This event kicks off the S.O.S., Save Our Summer blood drive. Community blood bank staff will be available from 6:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday to accept donations. Refreshments will be available. Call 474-1781 for an appointment or just show up.

Contact: Captain Pat Borer 441-8359 for more information.